



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Amir M. Saffarian  
Serial No.: 08/828,022  
Filing Date: March 27, 1997  
Group Art Unit: 2876  
Examiner: Jamara A. Franklin  
Title: *AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CHECK  
AMOUNT ENCODING AT A POINT-OF-SALE*

**BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for

Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the application as follows.